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SILVER SPOONS AT SABINE HALL.

Communicated by KATE ROWLAND MASON.

When on a visit some years since to "Sabine Hall," the seat of Col. Robert Carter in Richmond County, a long inscription on the tablespoons extending the whole length of their handles attracted his notice at dinner. They were of massive silver, but in most of them this inscription was partially effaced by time and use; on the more perfect he found it to read thus: "After the repeal of the American Stamp Act—1766." The tradition connected with them as gathered from his host was that his grandfather, Col. Landon Carter, of "Sabine Hall," a Virginia planter, in an unusually restricted order to his factors in London that year, directed him amongst other things to send him some tablespoons. And his directions were, if the Stamp Act was repealed before the order was executed, to send them of silver, but if not repealed to send them of *horn*. The act was repealed, and the factor in causing it to be recorded on the spoons, gave to the family of Mr. Carter for every generation one of their proudest trophies.

(MS. sketch of George Mason, of Gunston, by his grandson, James Murray Mason.)

LOWRY FAMILY.

The following is a copy of a paper filed in a suit in the old Williamsburg chancery court:

W^m. Lowry (born), Sept^r. 25th, 1762.

Nancy Lowry, Jan^y. 16, 1765.

Jn^o. Lowry, Jan^y. 20, 1767.

Tho^s. Lowry, Feb^y. 8, 1769.

Fran^s. Lowry, Dec^r. 17, 1770.

Robert Lowry, April 18, 1772.

Mary Hollier Lowry, Feb^y. 13, 1774.

Jane Lowry, Jan^y. 27, 1776.

Edmond Lowry, Augst. 21, 1779.